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EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. At 4:30 on 14 February 1953, 30 trucks including 3 trucks each towing a ZIS-3 76.2-mm field gun, 3 trucks each towing a canvas-covered gun, 2 trucks with field kitchens and the others carrying personnel and billeting equipment were seen leaving Camp Nockten in the Weisswasser training area. Sedan moved ahead of the column.

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 25X1 Netzwasser troop training grounds is used by units of the 9th Gds Mecz Div for short-term practices.

[Comment] The motor vehicle numbers belong to the First Gds Mecz Army and the GCFG. Two barracks installations were previously reported from Oschatz to quarter units of the 9th Tank Div, namely the Infanterie Kaserne on Dresdenner Strasse which is also referred to as Artillerie Kaserne and the barracks installation at airfield. As units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div apparently for field exercises moved to the area south of Grimma in mid-February, it is quite plausible that similar winter exercises are 25X1 also conducted in the area of the 9th Tank Div. []

[Comment] The 47th Gds Mecz Regt and the 2497th AAA Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div have been carried in the barracks installation at the Damm airfield and the 6th Gds Tank Div in the Altes Lager in Jueterbog. Although the number of guns of all calibers and AA guns is rather high for the two regiments it is possible that the regiments may have engaged in a 24-hour exercise and, upon its completion, may have returned to their quarters. It is also possible that they may have been transferred.

[Comment] It is believed that, on 21 February, all those tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div which, on 2, 6 and 10 February in each one train had been 25X1 dispatched with tanks at the Forst Zinna railroad station from Wittenberg returned from the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds to their home station after completion of the firing training. The entrainment of tanks including tanks [] the 52d Gds Tank Regt had 25X1 already been observed at the Wittenberg railroad station on 5 February.

[Comment] Columns had been seen passing through Gotha toward Eisenach and back by another source on 3 and 6 February. [] It is believed that, in mid-February, winter exercises were held in the area of Ohrdruf as well as north and west of this area as they were in other areas in East Germany.

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